

Editorial Note

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Dear Reader:

In 1992, with the start of the 8th series of *Annalen der Physik*, the volume count was reset to one, i. e. volume 504 of the complete series was labeled volume 1, 1992. Until today we have kept this numbering on the cover page and simply added a note on the second page indicating that the journal is in the 8th series and stating the corresponding volume number of the complete series. The previous Editor-in-Chief B. Mühlischlegel and the previous publisher J. A. Barth justified this change by referring to the extensive reorganization of the journal in 1991/1992. They may also have hoped for an unbiased restart of the journal after the turbulent times of the German reunification.

Six years later, Wiley-VCH took over the journal, and in 2006 published all the back issues of *Annalen der Physik* from 1799 to 1998 online on the Wiley InterScience platform (see <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/5006612/toc>). It has now become apparent that the current volume numbering can cause problems with the older article and the current article citations. For example, volume 1 can either refer to articles from 1799 or 1992. To avoid ambiguity we have now decided to revert back to the original volume numbering started in 1799. Thus, effective from the 6th issue (June) of this year we will not use the series 8 volume number, e. g. currently 19, any longer. From now on the correct citation form of *Annalen der Physik* articles will be *Ann. Phys. (Berlin)* complete volume number, page (year). For example, articles in issue 6 (June) 2010 should be cited as

Ann. Phys. (Berlin) **522**, 369 (2010)

or

Ann. Phys. (Berlin) **522**(6), 369 (2010)

All articles published between the start of the 8th series in 1992 and June 2010 can be cited as previously with the series 8 volume number, i. e. 1 to 19. In this case it is important that the publication year is correctly noted. However, from now on these articles can also be cited with their complete series volume number, i. e. 504 to 522. These changes have been communicated to the Science Citation Index and should not result in missing article citations.

We hope that you welcome this change as it simplifies the article search by avoiding redundancies and also stresses the historic context of our journal.

With kind regards

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